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Runners get their sweat on during this year's Calgary Police Half Marathon. Detours sprouted up near the Glenmore reservoir and Mount Royal University, near the finish line.

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Post-secondary cuts unequal

EDUCATION

Revenue-generating schools to see fewer dollars



Jeremy Nolais
 Metro | Calgary

Post-secondary institutions able to bring in large quantities of their own cash are likely to get a smaller chunk of the provincial funding pie in the years ahead.

A 1.4-per-cent pullback on Campus Alberta grants for 2015-16 was applied equally across the board, but a larger reduction of 2.7 per cent lies ahead for 2016-17. That cut, however, will be done using a "differentiated" model, according to John Muir, spokesman for Alberta's advanced education ministry.

"Part of our plans for making the system more financially sustainable is to give Alberta's post-secondary institutions more flexibility to enhance revenue generation, through mechanisms such as donations, endowments and sponsorships, for example," he said. "We do anticipate that institutions that can generate additional revenue will not need as much reliance on government grants."

The province has hinted at major shifts in the post-secondary sector as it looks to reduce costs, but past Metro analysis has already found that institutions aren't necessarily funded equally as it is.

In 2010-11, for example, the University of Alberta received \$19,500.55 per student from the province, while their counterparts at the University of Calgary received \$15,775.08.

Then came a uniform 7.3-per-cent cut in the 2013 budget. The province put some of those

slashed funds back into the sector in April 2014, but at varying rates.

Mount Royal University, for example, remained 2.5 per cent short of the funding it expected for 2014-15, while colleagues at nearby SAIT were down just one per cent.

Progressive Conservative Fort McMurray-Conklin candidate Don Scott, who headed up the advanced education ministry until the writ was dropped, didn't, however, commit to the model detailed by Muir, stating he first wanted to conduct a "thorough consultation."

"I don't foresee it as a competition between institutions, I see it as a partnership going forward," he said. "I want to make sure the institutions get stronger going forward."

To see what school administrators think could work when it comes to post-secondary funding, head to page 6.



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Fans respectful on famed Red Mile strip after win

PLAYOFFS

Flames beat Canucks 7-4 in series clincher



Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Clean gutters and bare streets showed no indication that Calgary's infamous Red Mile even happened Saturday night.

After the Calgary Flames dumped the visiting Vancouver Canucks 7-4 in a come-from-behind win, 17th Avenue braced for the C of Red to make its way down to the famed strip.

Det. Jody Cross with the Calgary police said he was pleasantly surprised that Red Mile antics seemed to be limited to simply drinking a little too much.

"I wondered what I was going to walk into this morning, but there was absolutely nothing," Cross said. "There were a few people that were a little too intoxicated, but nobody got into any real trouble. Everyone was pretty well behaved last night."

Flames fan Geoff Crane hit the Red Mile after the Flames' big win and said he was surprised to see little



Carlos Zapata with the City of Calgary said he was pleased to see 17th Avenue so clean after what he expected to be a wild Saturday night on the Red Mile. ANNA BROOKS/METRO



There was no catcalling, flashing or anything like that — everybody seemed to be respectful. We were walking down the street high-fiving grandmas and kids.... It never once felt out of control.

Flames fan Geoff Crane

to no debauchery on 17th Avenue.

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— everybody seemed to be respectful," Crane said. "We were walking down the street high-fiving grandmas and

kids.... It never once felt out of control."

Crane added that he's not sure if the mellowed-out antics will stay that way as the Flames move further into the playoffs, but he said he thinks it's helpful to have Flames executives reminding the public to support their team safely and respectfully.

"During the game (Saturday) every so often there was a public-service announcement reminding fans to have fun but be respectful and

+ TYPICAL NIGHT

The Calgary Police indicated late Saturday night that between 10,000 and 12,000 people made their way down to the Red Mile.

There were few infractions, and police said the number of incidents was equivalent to a typical Saturday night on 17th Avenue.

represent the flaming C with dignity," Crane said. "I think that's helped."

Carlos Zapata was part of the City of Calgary's clean-up crew Sunday morning and said he was shocked to see the streets so clean. He said the decision to prohibit vehicles on the Red Mile this year might be the reason they're seeing less of a mess on 17th Avenue.

"I remember working the morning after the Red Mile last time the Flames were in the playoffs, and it was just a disaster. It took us six hours to get all the broken glass and garbage cleaned up," Zapata said. "But I came here this morning, and everything was quite clean and there was no damage to any businesses or anything. It was really nice to see."

HACKATHON

Event promotes open data

A computer nerd's paradise has come to a close after a three-day battle at the City of Calgary's Hackathon competition.

Walter Simbirski, open-data strategist with the city, said the aim of the Hackathon was not only to promote the use of open data — free data for commercial or public use — but also to give computer gurus a chance to share their talents with the city.

"The goal was to engage citizens and provide incentives to use the city's Open Data for solving problems at the grassroots level," Simbirski said. "I think we have definitely achieved that."

The three winning teams — Calgary Alerts, My Lamp Post and Open Data Analytics — took home cash prizes and used their skills to develop technology-based solutions that Calgary residents can use.

The 14 teams competing spent three rigorous days brainstorming and programming, then pitched their final projects to a panel of judges.

"This was about facilitating conversations, supporting the tech community and encouraging people to think collaboratively," Simbirski added.

Calgary Alerts was developed to alert residents to city events and updates, My Lamp Post works to connect Calgarians with events happening in their communities and Open Data Analytics provides spatial data regarding public-policy decisions. METRO

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Cam Dobranski, right, owner of Winebar and Brasserie Kensington, stands with general manager Matthew Leslie, at their Container Bar in the adjacent alley in June 2014. METRO FILE PHOTO

Bar owner among stranded in Nepal

EARTHQUAKE

Cam Dobranski was married just days prior to quake



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Among the people in the Nepalese mountains when the devastating earthquake struck last week was Calgarian Cam Dobranski, the owner of Brasserie Kensington and Container Bar, who was on a hiking honeymoon.

Cam and his new wife Jacq — married just two days earlier in Nepal — were uninjured by the quake and subsequent avalanches and rock slides. The newlyweds faced an arduous hike out due to routes being blocked by debris, his brother Chris Dobranski said Sunday.

"There were slides going on all around them and they didn't know how they were going to get out of there," Chris said from his home on Vancouver Island, based on a satellite phone call the family received from Cam on Saturday night.

"They said they needed help getting word out to the British Consulate here in Canada because they're trying to get to a British army base that's located close to where they're trying to get out of," Chris added.

"They said again they're alright, but we don't know exactly where they are."

The phone call was brief, he noted, as it seemed as

though Cam was sharing a satellite phone with others in his trekking group and the battery power was limited.

The family was still awaiting updates by press time Sunday night.

Chris said it was just a relief to know his brother and new sister-in-law were OK, and even found a bit of humour in the otherwise serious situation.

"They travel quite regularly and they're avid hikers and they always wanted to do that Nepal trip, so what a better honeymoon?" he said with a laugh.

"Definitely Cam won't forget their anniversary. He'd better not."



They got married two days prior to (the earthquake)... and then they went on a trek, so they were up in the mountains when it happened.

Chris Dobranski on his brother and new sister-in-law's predicament.

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SUMMER EVENTS

Kensington BRZ pledges to run 'smaller' with fest's cancellation

Despite the cancellation of the Sun and Salsa Festival this year, organizers say there will be numerous other events going on in Calgary's Kensington Village area in 2015.

"We're going to put on some great events this year, too; they're just going to be smaller and they're going to be more manageable for us," said Annie MacInnis, executive director of the Kensington Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ).

As Metro reported last week, the area businesses that put on the festival for the past 21 years opted not to do it again in 2015, citing numerous logistical problems in organizing the event that sees upward of 100,000 people attend.

But MacInnis said that doesn't mean there won't be other activities in the trendy northwest commercial district, noting the BRZ helped lobby to get one of the most hotly anticipated events — Slide the City — to come to Calgary.

"There were a lot of cit-



Slide the City is just one of several events coming the Kensington area this summer. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ies that were trying to get Slide the City to come and we were successful in getting them to come to the Kensington area," she said of the event, which will see an enormous slip and slide set up down 10 Street NW Aug. 1-2.



We're going to put on some great events this year.

Annie MacInnis

"And we're organizing a smaller event to coincide with

Slide the City on the Saturday that we're calling 'Beach in the City' that will be on Kensington Crescent," MacInnis said.

The BRZ also plans to host weekly free movie nights in August, she added, as well as kids events on Halloween.

"Everyone wants a variety of programming and we are responding through this initiative," Jonathan Kane, chairman of the Kensington BRZ board of directors, said in an email. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



Calgarians are recycling as much material as they can, but the city now projects missing its goal of diverting 80 per cent more waste in 2020 than it did in 2007. METRO FILE PHOTO

Waste target may not be met: Report

ENVIRONMENT

Slow diversion the cause of missing 2020 reduction goal



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary is unlikely to meet its waste reduction targets by 2020, according to a new report that finds city residents and businesses continue to throw away lots of things that don't need to end up in landfills.

Current projections suggest the city will fall short of its goal of diverting 80 per cent of waste from landfills by the year 2020.

Waste diversion is now expected to reach "a minimum of 60 per cent" according to the report, which will be presented to city councillors this week.

"Analysis shows that the single family sector is on track and leading the way with an estimated 70 per cent diversion rate by 2020," the report states. "Unfortunately, the other three sectors (multi-family, industrial, commercial and institutional and construc-

tion and demolition) are lagging behind."

Jasna Hundal, the city's manager of disposal and processing services, previously told Metro materials from building demolition that could be recycled — things like drywall, untreated wood, and shingles — make up a significant amount of the waste ending up in city landfills.

"There is some recycling capacity for those kinds of materials within the city," she said. "A lot of it right now, however, is voluntary."

The city does charge a higher tipping fee at the landfill for construction materials, Hundal noted, "but it's still a choice that each builder or developer or renovator makes."

As Metro reported last month, the amount of waste per capita has actually been increasing over the last two years, while the amount of material recycled per household has been decreasing.

Noel Keough, a professor of environmental design at the University of Calgary and a co-founder of Sustainable Calgary, said the city seems "well away" from their waste-reduction targets.

"It would be nice to see them moving more rapidly toward their target, for sure," Keough said.

LITERATURE

Library named after Calgarian

It's not every day a Calgary volunteer decides to pledge a seven-figure gift, but Judith Umbach's lifelong love for literature and volunteerism prompted her to do just that for the Calgary Public Library Foundation.

"Without the library, I wouldn't have had this life," Umbach said Sunday at a ceremony to honour her decision to pledge more than \$1 million as a "legacy gift" in her will.

"I've been a library patron before my earliest memories,"

she added. "Here I am in a place today my mind hadn't considered even a year ago."

Umbach spent 12 years volunteering for the CPL board, eight of those years as chairwoman.

With her contribution, library CEO Bill Ptacek said projects like the extensive renovations to Thorn-Hill Library in north Calgary — where Umbach's journey as a lifelong reader began — were able to take place.

Officially renamed the Judith Umbach Library, the interior of

the former Thorn-Hill Library has been completely revamped.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi added it's heartwarming to see support like Umbach's for a little library in north Calgary, and her contribution gives everyone an opportunity to help build community in the city.

"What a remarkable person," Nenshi said. "I am very emotional about what a big deal it is that Judith is the very first donor to have a community library ... named in her honour." ANNA BROOKS/METRO

CORRECTION

46 units reserved for homeless Calgarians

Plans from the Calgary Drop In to convert a bankrupt hotel into affordable housing include 46 homeless units. Metro reported last week there were 37 "assisted living" units set aside for the homeless. The Drop In later clarified nine of the units are also reserved for homeless Calgarians. The remaining 33 units would be open to the public. METRO

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Provincial government mulls varying funding levels



Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

One of these institutions is not like other.

That's the message from Calgary post-secondary administrators, who say they see merits in potentially funding post-secondary institutions at differing levels.

David Docherty, Mount Royal's president, said "there's always the potential" to pit schools against one another in the bid for additional funding, but he added: "We also have to recognize some institutions have higher costs than others."

"Differential (funding) works only if both sides — the government and the institutions — are willing to



Mount Royal University President David Docherty says a new provincial post-secondary funding scheme could better represent the actual costs of offering certain programs. METRO FILE

say, 'What's the true cost of delivering these programs?'" he said. "If you can differentiate on that basis, then there shouldn't be this kind of competition or animosity between one institution or another."

In an emailed statement, Gayle Burnett, chief financial officer at Bow Valley College, said her institution has also heard of potentially differing funding cuts in future years. "While we have been in-

formed of 2016-2017 reduction targets, the budget tabled in the legislature for approval covers only 2015/2016 so we are unable to comment on that point," she said.

Dru Marshall, the Univer-

“We have to recognize some institutions have higher costs than others.”

Mount Royal University President David Docherty

sity of Calgary's provost, said she believes the sector is more organized than it's been in the past.

Even still, her university faces a lofty shortfall that could amount to \$47 million over two years.

That comes as Calgary institutions struggle to open seats to meet growing student demand.

"We've deepened the understanding of what the issues are at each of our institutions and, quite frankly, we need to work collectively to solve some of the issues," Marshall said.

SAIT Polytechnic would only say it was focused on the 2015-16 budget.

+ THE MONEY

Non-government revenue (provincial and federal)

The following figures calculate the revenues earned by Calgary institutions for 2014-15 outside of provincial and federal grants.

1. Bow Valley College

Total: \$27 million
Percentage of annual revenue: 30%

2. Mount Royal University

Total: \$118 million
Percentage of annual revenue: 55%

3. SAIT

Total: \$178 million
Percentage of annual revenue: 53%

3. University of Calgary

Total: \$479 million
Percentage of annual revenue: 41%

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City off to the races after long absence

HORSE RACING

Opening of racetrack gets big thumbs up



Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Horse racing returned to the Calgary area in a big way on Saturday with the opening of a new racetrack at the Century Downs Racetrack and Casino.

The opening means Calgary fans will be able to see live horse racing for the first time in almost a decade.

For Shirley McClellan, CEO of Horse Racing Alberta, the launch is a "dream come true."

"For our industry, it's huge," she said. "Alberta is such a horse-orientated province."

Drivers present on the morning of the racetrack's opening said they were excited about the return.



Shirley McClellan, CEO of Horse Racing Alberta, left, visits the Century Downs Racetrack and Casino Saturday morning with Max Gibb, vice chairman of the United Horsemen of Alberta, and Susan Green. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

"It means everything for us," said Gerry Hudon, a standard-bred driver and trainer set to take to the track. "We needed another A-venue place in Alberta, and Calgary was always our second venue," he said. "Now we're back at it where we can tap back into this market."

Located just over a kilometre north from Calgary's city limits, the facility includes

a 1.1-kilometre racetrack, a 30,000-square-foot casino, 550 gaming machines and an off-track betting area.

While the Century Downs Racetrack and Casino will be hosting Standardbred racing and fans in 2015, it's just the beginning for the facility, as thoroughbred racing and quarter horse racing will be introduced in 2016.

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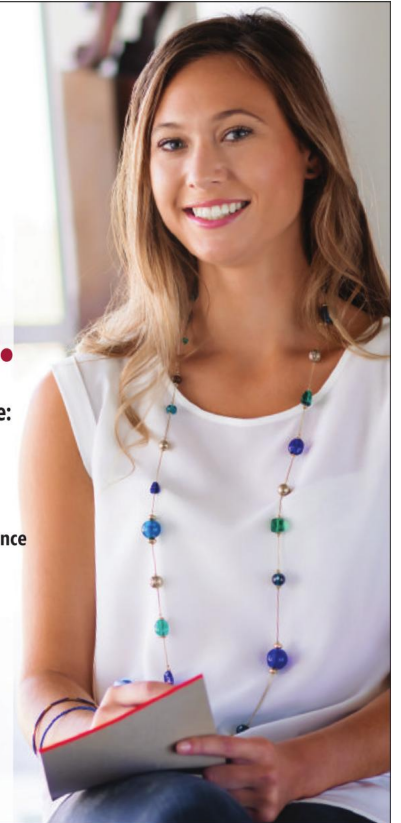
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Pre-election fear-mongering begins



PC party leader Jim Prentice (left) and Alberta NDP leader Rachel Notley at last Thursday's Alberta leaders debate.

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FINAL WEEK

Parties trying to sway undecided voters using scare tactics

With just days to go in the Alberta election campaign, the battle is on for undecided voters between, depending on whom you talk to, the corporate Muppets and the union puppets. And everyone has set their phasers to fear.

As NDP Leader Rachel Notley enjoys a popularity bump coming off Thursday's debate, Premier Jim Prentice and his Progressive Conservatives have switched from attacking the Opposition Wildrose to painting the New Democrats as the party that will turn Alberta into a socialist dystopia.

During the debate, Prentice warned viewers Notley takes direction from "union bosses."

The weekend saw conservatives try to paint Notley as anti-pipeline for suggesting the controversial Northern Gateway project through B.C. isn't likely to succeed in the face of stiff opposition along the route. It's a rever-

sal of the 2012 Alberta election that saw the Tories under Alison Redford woo progressive fence-sitters by stoking fears that the Wildrose was intolerant towards minorities and didn't believe in climate change.

"This is to appeal to conservatives to keep away the red scare," says Duane Bratt, a political scientist with Mount Royal University in Calgary. "(The Tories) had been dealing with Notley with gloved hands. They have switched strategies mid-campaign. Now it is an NDP-PC battle."

The election was supposed to be a coronation for Prentice and his Tories, who have been running Alberta for more than four decades. But polls have put his party, the NDP and the Wildrose together in a three-way fight with about one in five voters still undecided.

Political observers say with the Tories strong in Calgary and the NDP showing well in Edmonton, Prentice will focus on winning over soft-core Wildrose supporters in Calgary and rural areas to gain the 44 seats needed for a majority on May 5. Notley has already said she will spend much of the rest of the campaign in Calgary given that she needs a large breakthrough there to win

government.

Notley has sought to portray Prentice, a former bank executive, as a boardroom mouthpiece for refusing to hike corporate taxes or oil royalties in his budget, while boosting taxes for virtually everyone else.

Political analyst Bob Murray says Prentice's campaign has been plagued by gaffes, particularly his rollback on the reductions to the charitable tax credit — a plank in his supposedly ironclad budget that was brought down just days before the vote was called.

"Jim Prentice's flip flop ... on the charitable tax credit showed that Jim Prentice is or could be willing to negotiate away principles that he was trying to stand for in order to win government," says Murray, the vice president of

research for the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.

The Tories have tried to portray Prentice on the campaign trail as an Everyman, in a suit jacket but no tie, having a coffee and flipping pancakes.

Murray thinks it's time to get back to the buttoned-down Prentice. "It's not about holding kittens. It's about who do you actually want managing the economy and running the government," says Murray.

But Chaldea Mensah, a political scientist with MacEwan University in Edmonton, disagrees.

"He needs to establish himself not as an elitist, out-of-touch guy but somebody that can connect to the ordinary concerns of your typical Albertan," says Mensah.

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+ THREE AGREE ON WILDROSE LEADER

Bratt, Murray, and Mensah agree Wildrose Leader Brian Jean, with his one-track debate message that his party won't raise taxes, has failed to establish himself as a leader with a broad outlook and widespread appeal.

But by Jean saying he won't join any coalition that raises taxes, Murray says he has sent a broader message on his character. "It reassured people that he is not willing to negotiate principles away for power."



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POLITICS

PC candidate David Xiao still declining public debate

Debate organizers in Edmonton are finding it hard to get Progressive Conservative candidates to show up, with one taking a pass on community organized forums and another taking a long time to commit.

Rio Terrace Community League president Lance Burns said they have already been told their local candidate David Xiao won't be making an appearance at their April 30 forum.

"I don't feel it is fair to the voters and I don't feel it is fair to the candidates themselves. We need to be able to engage," Burns said. Burns said all other riding candidates jumped at the opportunity, but Xiao was not willing to attend. "We tried to make it as flexible as possible, evenings, weekends, but it was just an unequivocal 'No.'"

Burns posted a response he received from Xiao's then campaign manager, Graham Fletcher.

"After quite some deliberation it was unanimously decided, with David Xiao present, that this would not be the highest and best use of Mr. Xiao's time," read the reply from Fletcher.

Fletcher, who resigned from the campaign, said Xiao much prefers door knocking and one-on-one time with constituents.

"At the rate at which he makes his rounds, the forum timing

+ FORUMS

The Blue Quill forum will go ahead on April 30 at the league's hall. The Rio Terrace event remains planned for May 3 at 2 p.m.

would prevent him from meeting a substantial number of constituents, who generally also want to

spend time with Mr. Xiao."

Neil Dunwald, civics director for the Blue Quill Community League, said PC candidate Chris LaBossier initially did not commit to their forum. But, when Metro reached out on Sunday a spokesperson for LaBossier's campaign confirmed he would be in attendance. Dunwald said the league hosts forums like this to get a conversation going.

"We're very big on public en-

gagement and getting people engaged in the community and this is one of the ways for the league to do that," he said.

A forum held April 22 by the group Community Action on school renewal that was not specific to a riding, also failed to attract either a PC or Wildrose candidate. Metro asked to speak with Xiao but calls were not returned before press time.

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Danielle Smith speaks Sunday during the final panel discussion of the Spur Calgary festival which addressed the topic: The Future of Alberta Politics. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Politics pros weigh in at panel

ELECTION

No reason to fear Wildrose, NDP majority: Danielle Smith



Robson Fletcher
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Danielle Smith expects another PC majority government — albeit a much slimmer one — but says if the Wildrose or NDP manage to take power in the May 5 election, it wouldn't lead to the "chaos" some predict.

"I would not be the least bit concerned about changing government," the former Wildrose leader turned PC MLA turned author said Sunday, speaking as part of the final panel discussion of the weekend's Spur Calgary festival. Her fellow panelist, Mount Royal University professor Duane Bratt, painted a different picture of a hypothetical NDP or Wildrose majority.

"We will be in chaos in this province," Bratt said. "You're going to have an inexperienced group show up to power and they're going to believe that the senior public sector is all closely tied to the PCs."

Smith disagreed strongly, however, saying "there is a level of intellectual depth in all political parties" and adding that the parliamentary system is "designed to have stability" when the government changes.

"The bureaucracy is very professional," Smith said. "They design all the briefing books with change of government in mind."

Brian Singh, a data scientist and campaign strategist and the third member of the panel, offered another a different view. Singh is from Trinidad and Tobago, which, he noted, had an oil-dependent economy and the same party in power for 30 years before it finally got voted out in 1986, leading to both negative and positive changes.

"Yes, chaos did ensue, but there was a lot more accountability in government," Singh said.

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What's in a poll?

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Voters line up at a polling station in High River, Alberta to cast their ballots for the Alberta election Monday, April, 23, 2012. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Make autopsy No. 1 priority, family says

POLICE SHOOTING

Brother hopes Heffernan's death report brings closure



Morgan Modjeski
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Family members of a 27-year-old man who was shot and killed by Calgary police on March 16 are asking Alberta's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) to make the autopsy a priority.

Anthony Heffernan was shot in a Super 8 Motel room after police say they were faced with a "high-risk situation" after entering the room by force.

However, Anthony's family feel he posed no threat to responding officers and Anthony's brother, Grant Heffernan, said they feel it's taking too long to produce an aut-



Anthony Heffernan was shot and killed by Calgary police on March 16. CONTRIBUTED

opsy report — and answers — around Anthony's death.

He said with so many questions around Anthony's death, he's hopeful the autopsy will help the Heffernan family "get closure and results on what actually happened that day."

His family has been told it could take three to four months for the autopsy to be completed and have already launched a website to raise awareness about Anthony's

death and funds for legal fees as the case moves forward.

Metro had requested an interview with a representative from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, but it was denied.

"We understand it is hard for families to wait for the information the medical examiner provides," said a statement from Alberta Justice.

"That's why 92 per cent of cases are completed in less than six months and about 67 per cent are completed in less than three months."

It explained that "certain more complex cases" could take longer to complete.

"The medical examiners must take the time they need to do a thorough and professional job," the statement explained.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) is currently investigating Anthony's death and will work with the Crown prosecutors' office to determine if any criminal charges will be laid.

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Reflecting on poverty

CHALLENGE DAY 5

Metro reporter finishes with a new perspective



Gilbert Ngabo
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"You didn't have to go through this."

That's roughly the sentence I heard over and over again over the past five days during which I lived on \$1.75 a day. Most reactions from family members, friends and workmates were supportive, but a few suggested that volunteering for extreme poverty was almost going overboard. Someone even said, in an email, that it was a "trite experiment," calling it offensive to those who are in a real struggle to make ends meet.

I don't necessarily concur with their views, but the detractors have a point. Every single day of those five, I never stopped feeling badly for people for whom extreme poverty is not a temporary state of affairs, but an indefinite, day-in-day-out reality. As hard as it was for me to

find enough food, I still had the luxury of enjoying other things around me: I was working; when it was cold, I had enough clothes to keep warm; and I had a nice place to stay. Heck, I was even travelling back and forth to the office in a train. That's nowhere near real poverty.

That's the point that Dominique Mishio wants to drive home. Mishio, head of Canada's Global Poverty Project, which is leading the Live Below the Line campaign, said the challenge is not about making participants feel the real misery of living in extreme poverty, but about reflecting on poverty issues, increasing awareness and raising money for the many organizations that work to alleviate poverty in different parts of the world.

Hundreds of Canadians have taken the challenge every year since 2013, and many are sure to take it again starting today, the 2015 challenge's official launch date.

You might be wondering, after reading all this, whether it's worth giving it a try yourself. Yes, over the course of the five-day challenge you may well feel some of the ambivalence that I went through, and, yes, you may

LIVING BELOW THE LINE

The reporter: Gilbert Ngabo works for Metro in Toronto. He moved to Canada from Rwanda five years ago.

The mission: To live on just \$1.75 a day for five days — a challenge made to all Canadians by the Global Poverty Project, which says that's the daily budget of those who live below the poverty line.

The series: Day 5 of 5, reflecting on the meaning and purpose of the challenge

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field some of the same doubts and objections that I heard.

But your personal effort, when added to that of thousands more across the globe, will have practical impact.

The campaign has raised more than \$250,000 over the past two years, and the money goes to fund fighting poverty in poor countries.

Your donation will go toward efforts that could concretely improve — and perhaps even save — lives. Maybe a poor kid somewhere will be able to go to school. Maybe a hospital in a remote village will receive medical supplies. Maybe starving children in a refugee camp will get some nutritious food. Taking the challenge of eating on less than two dollars a day created an image of poverty in me that will haunt me for a long time.

It's one thing to read numbers and reports on poverty issues; it's quite another to live through the pain that those numbers attest to — even for a short while and even according to arbitrary conditions.

No, I didn't have to go through this kind of experiment. But I am glad I did. It served as an eye-opener and changed my perspective on the choices I make every day. And I will donate what I can afford in order to help. You? You don't have to eat on \$1.75 a day, but you can help fight poverty and make it history.



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Allan Schoenborn is shown in this courtroom sketch during his trial in Kamloops, B.C., on Oct. 8, 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Killer dad still a danger: Prosecutor

COURT

New law tested as the Crown fights release

A prosecutor's rare tactics to block a British Columbia man who murdered his three children from gaining some freedom is laying the groundwork for a possible test of the Conservative government's tough-on-crime agenda.

The Crown will be gathering an update on the mental state of Allan Schoenborn at the same

not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder, or NCRMD, for stabbing his daughter and smothering his two sons in their Merritt, B.C., home in April 2008. A B.C. Supreme Court judge found he was likely suffering from a psychotic state.

He has been held in custody at a psychiatric hospital in suburban Vancouver ever since.

The B.C. Review Board is now considering whether supervised outings would aid his rehabilitation.

The hearings began in February and are scheduled for up to three more days this week. Most hearings take about half a day.

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That's punishment and not the NCR regime in its true spirit.

Patrick Baille, NCRMD expert psychologist

In an unusual step, an expert critical of international guidelines used to assess the degree of Schoenborn's threat is expected to testify.

Any high-risk application made later to B.C. Supreme Court would rely on data about the person's current mental condition, his past and expected course of treatment, and opinions of examining experts, said Crown spokesman Neil Mackenzie.

Psychologist Patrick Baillie, an NCRMD expert who testified about the bill before a Parliamentary committee on behalf of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, wouldn't ascribe an "ulterior motive" to B.C.'s Crown.

Schoenborn was declared

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Bureaucratic backlog a slow slog

A federal quick-response team set up to tackle the massive backlog of cases plaguing the social security tribunal doesn't appear to be moving all that quickly.

Between December and March 20, the federal government's so-called "spike unit" reviewed fewer than 3,000 appeals from Canadians seeking social security disability payments, the employment minister's office said last week in a reply to a

written question from the NDP.

That is troubling considering that a backlog of roughly 11,000 cases had been slated for review since last fall, said New Democrat MP Jinny Sims.

"It's very, very clear that they have not allocated enough resources because they have managed to get through so few from the backlog," Sims said in an interview.

Former employment minister Jason Kenney, now the

defence minister, established the 50-member spike unit in December and said at the time he expected the backlog to be eliminated by the end of the summer.

Of the 2,948 appeal files reviewed so far, 946 settlements have been offered to sick or injured Canadians who were previously denied CPP disability benefits. Some 428 people accepted the offers, the government said.

The backlog began accumulating after the federal government launched the social security tribunal in April 2013 with a goal of streamlining the appeals process and saving Canadian taxpayers \$25 million a year.

Kenney had said the backlog got out of hand largely because the new tribunal inherited more than 7,000 "unexpected" cases from the old social security review system.

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Conservatives strategize to regain lost Quebec seats

POLITICS

Tory support increasing in parts of the province

When a popular Quebec mayor recently announced he was running for the federal Conservatives in this fall's election, the gathering included 20 of the region's 23 mayors.

That, says Alain Rayes, shows it's becoming less taboo in certain parts of Quebec to be publicly aligned with Stephen Harper's Tories.

"They took the risk of being seen next to (a Conservative) candidate," says Rayes, who has been mayor of Victoriaville since 2009.

The central Quebec town is about 150 kilometres east of Montreal and is in a riding won by the Bloc Québécois in 2011.

Support for the Tories is increasing in other historically small-c conservative parts of the province according to recent polls that indicate the party could outstrip by far its 2011 Quebec seat count of five. Rayes says the rise in Conservative fortunes in the province is evidence Quebecers "want a seat at the table."

Gerard Deltell, a well-known provincial politician and another Tory recruit, says the spike in support for the Conservatives is due to Harper's tax cuts — some-



Coalition Avenir Quebec (translated as: Coalition for Quebec's future) MNA Gerard Deltell, a well-known provincial politician, announced on April 7 that he's quitting the CAQ and joining the Conservative Party of Canada for the upcoming federal election. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

thing Quebecers are not used to with provincial governments — and the party's performance on the economy and security.

"The Conservatives can recruit those guys who are the grassroots candidates — those who are deep in the community," said Deltell, who recently left his job as a member of the legislature for the right-leaning Coalition for Quebec's Future (Coalition Avenir Quebec).

Another big name to an-

nounce his candidacy for the Conservatives is Jean Pelletier, who for years ran Quebec City's winter carnival.

Rayes, Deltell and other party activists say the person responsible for attracting star candidates and explaining the Conservative message to Quebecers is Denis Lebel, Harper's lieutenant in the province.

"I feel it on the ground," Lebel says in an interview, admitting he is the party's Quebec "con-

ductor."

"The welcome I get is different (than prior years). Everything is possible."

Lebel drove around the province toward the end of last summer to meet voters and woo them back to the Tories.

He knows Quebecers often vote in waves. In 1984, Brian Mulroney surged to power with the help of victory in 58 out of 75 ridings in the province. He repeated the trick in 1988 with

+ POPULARITY

Current polls suggest the Tories are becoming more popular around the Quebec City region as well as in areas up to 200 kilometres north and south of the provincial capital. While the Conservatives believe the improved numbers are down to party policies they say are resonating across the province, some Quebecers say it's the individual candidate who is leading them to vote Tory.

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63 seats.

The latest example in Quebec came in 2011 when the popular Jack Layton led the NDP to 59 seats in the province.

Before Lebel's 2014 summer tour, the Conservatives were polling roughly at 12 per cent in Quebec. Now, poll aggregator website ThreeHundredEight.com puts the Tories at about 21 per cent and indicates the party could win more than 20 seats.

The Tories currently have five Quebec MPs, including four cabinet ministers.

Harper's best tally in Quebec was at the 2006 and 2008 elections when he won 10 seats both times. The Conservatives were shut out of the province in 2004 when Paul Martin's Liberals won a minority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TIM HORTONS

Café founder facing lawsuit

The billionaire co-founder of Tim Hortons is on the receiving end of a civil suit alleging he sexually assaulted his sometime-lover four years ago. The Canadian Press has learned.

The action against Ron Joyce, who claims he's the victim of a "blatant" extortion attempt, predates an unrelated but similar lawsuit filed earlier this year by another woman, who alleges his son, Steven Joyce, assaulted her aboard his yacht in Florida in an incident he says was consensual.

In 2011, according to previously unreported court documents, the woman, now 34, spent the night at Ron Joyce's home in Burlington, Ont., so she could drive him to a doctor's appointment in Barrie, Ont., the following day.

They went to bed separately and she slept alone in the guestroom, they say.

"At 6 a.m., she awoke to find (Joyce) in her bed naked with his hands down her pyjama bottoms with his fingers inserted into her vagina," her unproven claim states. "(She) screamed repeatedly for the defendant to get off of her."

The Toronto woman says she has audio recordings of conversations with him in which he admits to assaulting her, according to her statement of claim.

The claim filed in May 2013, which seeks \$7.5 million in damages, alleges the incident left her suffering anxiety attacks and with severe emotional loss.

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Joe Sallai, 45, panhandles on the corner of College and Yonge in Toronto last month. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Life can be brutal on the street

HOMELESSNESS

Violence seldom reported but all too frequent without shelter

Tyler Dunlop says his moment of terror came after he passed out in the back parking lot of a building in Edson, Alta.

The 30-year-old homeless man says he awoke to the sound of taunts as he was being punched and kicked by four intoxicated youths.

"They ganged up on me and beat me within an inch of my life," he said of the beating in 2011, which he didn't report to police.

Dunlop's brush with violence offers a glimpse of the dangers faced by people living on the streets.

On Tuesday, two men in Nova

Scotia will be sentenced after they pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the slaying of Harley Lawrence, a 62-year-old homeless man set on fire as he slept in a bus shelter in Berwick northwest of Halifax.

Statistics Canada does not track murders, assaults and sexual assaults committed against homeless people. But people who live on the street and their advocates say they happen frequently.

Stephen Gaetz, director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness at York University in Toronto, says alarm bells should be going off for policy-makers and police after a municipal study in Waterloo, Ont., last fall.

Of 281 people surveyed, 41 per cent of them said they were a victim of a violent attack since becoming homeless. Some of the violence involved homeless people beating each other up, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Homeless being warned of killings

Winnipeg's homeless and vulnerable community are being warned after police say at least one suspect "brutally killed" two men within the span of four hours over the weekend, and police aren't ruling out a third.

Sgt. John O'Donovan of the Winnipeg Police Service's Homicide Unit said both men, the first man in his late 40s and the second late 60s, died in back lanes about a block from each other in downtown Winnipeg.

"Both are victims from (the) vulnerable persons community," said Sgt. O'Donovan. "They're vulnerable in the way that they suffer from mental (illness) and substance abuse."

Sgt. O'Donovan said they were both killed between 9 p.m. Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday. He would not say how they died, but did release a picture of a man in the area at the time who may have valuable information. They did not call the

man a suspect, only a person of interest.

Sgt. O'Donovan said police were also not ruling out the possibility the beating death of a man in a bus shelter on Main Street earlier this month was also linked.

A local homeless woman, who asked to be identified only as 'Red', said news of the violence didn't surprise her.

"You're always worried something will happen to you or your

friends out here," she said. "The cops, they don't do nothing to help you, so we stick together," she added, gesturing to others.

Police said they are visiting local shelters to hand out information and warn the vulnerable population away from secluded areas.

Sgt. O'Donovan pleaded with citizens to come forward with information and to keep an eye on Winnipeg's most vulnerable.

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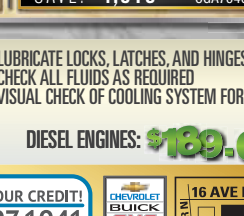
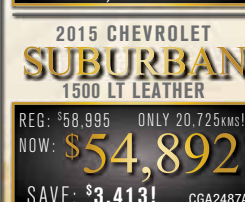
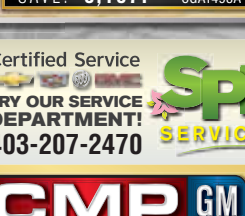
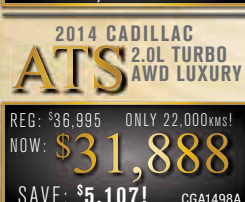
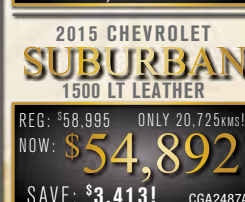
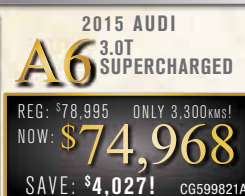
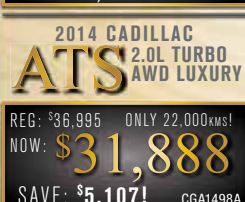
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What can police and governments do?

Stephen Gaetz, a professor at York University's faculty of education and a researcher on homelessness, says Canada is approaching the problem in "a backward way."

"We ticket the homeless. We move them on," he says. "And what it does is push

the homeless away from police."

Advocates have long been pushing for an approach known as "Housing First," where the homeless are offered some choice in having their own place to stay, along with access to support services.

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Aftershocks terrify earthquake survivors

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'We don't feel safe at all,' says Nepalese man

Shell-shocked and sleeping in the streets, tens of thousands of Nepalese braced against terrifying aftershocks Sunday while digging for survivors in the devastation wrought a day earlier by a massive earthquake that ripped across this Himalayan nation and killed more than 3,218 people.

Acrid, white smoke rose above the nation's most revered Hindu temple, where dozens of bodies were being cremated at any given time.

Aid groups received the first word from remote mountain villages — reports that suggested many communities perched on mountainsides were devastated or struggling to cope.

Landslides hindered rescue teams that tried to use mountain trails to reach those in need, said Prakash Subedi, chief district official in the Gorkha region, where the quake was centred.

"Villages like this are routinely affected by landslides, and it's not uncommon for entire villages of 200, 300, up to 1,000 people to be completely buried by rock falls," said Matt Darvas, a member of the aid group World Vision. "It will



Nepalese rest inside a van where they have taken shelter as it is considered safer in cars than inside houses due to repeated aftershocks in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Sunday. Sleeping in the streets and shell-shocked, Nepalese dug through rubble for the missing even as the worst of the aftershocks, magnitude-6.7, pummeled the capital. BIKRAM RAI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

likely be helicopter access only."

Saturday's magnitude-7.8 earthquake spread horror from Kathmandu to small villages and to the slopes of Mount Everest, triggering an avalanche that buried part of the base camp packed with foreign climbers. At least 18 people died there and 61 were injured.

With people fearing more

quakes, tens of thousands spent the day crowding in the streets and the night sleeping in parks or on a golf course.

Crows screeched as the ground shook with the worst of the aftershocks — magnitude-6.7.

"We don't feel safe at all. There have been so many aftershocks. It doesn't stop," said

Rajendra Dhungana, 34, who spent the day with his niece's family for her cremation at the Pashuputi Nath Temple in Kathmandu. "I've watched hundreds of bodies burn.... Nepal should learn a lesson from this. They should realize proper buildings should be built."

By late Sunday, the aftershocks appeared to be weak-

+ CASUALTIES

Nepal authorities said Sunday that at least 3,218 people died in that country alone, not including the 18 dead in the Mount Everest avalanche. Another 61 people died from the quake in India and a few in other neighbouring countries.

At least 1,152 people died in Kathmandu, and the number of injured nationwide was upward of 5,900. Three policemen died during a rescue effort in Kathmandu, a police spokesman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ening. A magnitude-5.3 quake shook an area about 30 miles east of Kathmandu.

The capital city is largely a collection of small, poorly constructed brick apartment buildings. But outside of the oldest neighbourhoods, many in Kathmandu were surprised by how few modern structures collapsed in the quake.

The earthquake was the worst to hit the South Asian nation in more than 80 years. It destroyed swaths of the oldest neighbourhoods of Kathmandu and was strong enough to be felt all across parts of India, Bangladesh, China's region of Tibet and Pakistan.

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AID EFFORTS

Global response gears up

There is still time to save lives — that's why governments and aid agencies Sunday rushed doctors, volunteers and equipment to Nepal without waiting for the dust to settle.

UN spokeswoman Orla Fagan, who is heading to Nepal, said preventing the spread of disease is one of the most important tasks facing aid workers who are arriving.

"There are 14 international medical teams on the way and either 14 or 15 international search-and-rescue teams on the way," she said. "They need to get in as soon as possible."

Substantial hurdles remain, but there were hopeful signs as Kathmandu's international airport reopened after Saturday's crushing earthquake, and some aid vehicles were able to travel overland from India to the stricken Nepalese city of Pokhara.

"That means supplies could potentially come in overland from India. That is a positive sign," said Ben Pickering, Save the Children's humanitarian adviser in Britain. "The airport opening is a small miracle."

He cautioned that chaotic conditions may create a bottleneck at the airport as governments and aid agencies try to bring in personnel and supplies in the coming days.

There is still a dearth of information about conditions at the epicenter of the earthquake, Pickering said, and it is not clear which roads are passable. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Injured Sherpa guides sit inside a bus after they were evacuated from Mount Everest Base Camp in Kathmandu, Nepal, on Sunday. BIKRAM RAI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mt. Everest base hit by avalanche

AFTERSHOCK

Survivors say dozens almost certainly dead

Mountaineers, guides and porters streamed from Mount Everest base camp on Sunday in the wake of a deadly earthquake-triggered avalanche that obliterated parts of the rocky village of nylon tents. Some warned that dozens of people may still be missing.

The worst injured were ferried out in helicopters, while those remaining at base camp endured a series of powerful aftershocks, some of which caused smaller but still terrifying avalanches in the surrounding mountains.

The avalanche on Saturday, set off by the massive earthquake that struck Nepal, left at least 18 people dead and dozens more injured.

But as the first stunned survivors of the avalanche reached Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, they said that dozens of people may

still be missing and were almost certainly dead.

"The snow swept away many tents and people," said Gyelu Sherpa, a guide among the first group of 15 injured survivors to reach Kathmandu.

The 15, most of them Sherpa guides or support staff working on Everest, flew from Lukla, a small airstrip not far from Everest. None were believed to be facing life-threatening injuries.

Bhim Bahadur Khatri, 35, a cook and a Sherpa, was preparing food in a meal tent when the avalanche struck.

"We all rushed out to the open and the next moment a huge wall of snow just piled on me," he said in a brief airport interview before being driven to a hospital. "I managed to dig out of what could easily have been my grave. I wiggled and used my hands as claws to dig as much as I could."

When he finally dug his way out, gulping in fresh air, he was surrounded by devastation. Part of the base camp village was gone.

"I looked around and saw the tents all torn and crushed. Many people were injured," he said. "I had lived but lost many of my friends."

The magnitude-7.8 quake struck at around noon Saturday — just over a year after the deadliest avalanche on record hit Everest, killing 16 Sherpa guides on April 18, 2014.

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Things to know about the quake

The death toll climbed and aftershocks continued a day after a powerful earthquake struck the Nepal region, setting off an urgent aid response.

What happened?

U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Paul Earle said the quake happened on what is known as a "thrust fault." That describes the situation when one piece of the Earth's crust is moving beneath another piece.

In this case, it's the Indian

plate that is moving north at 45 millimetres a year under the Eurasian plate to the north, Earle said.

"This is what builds the Himalayan mountain range," Earle said.

The region and this particular fault have a history of damaging earthquakes, including four temblors with magnitudes greater than 6.0 in the past 100 years, Earle said, warning that landslides are a particular worry now, given the steep slopes in

the region.

Aid efforts

With Kathmandu's airport reopened Sunday, first aid flights began delivering supplies. The first to respond were Nepal's neighbours India, China and Pakistan.

Indian air force planes landed with 43 tons of relief material, including tents and food, and nearly 200 rescuers, India's External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vikas Swarup said.

The planes were returning to New Delhi with Indian nationals stranded in Kathmandu. More aid flights were planned for Sunday.

Nepal's preparation

Nepal is a relatively poor country without extensive resources despite its rich cultural heritage and spectacular mountain scenery. It has been plagued by instability in recent years, and general strikes have recently brought chaotic scenes to Kathmandu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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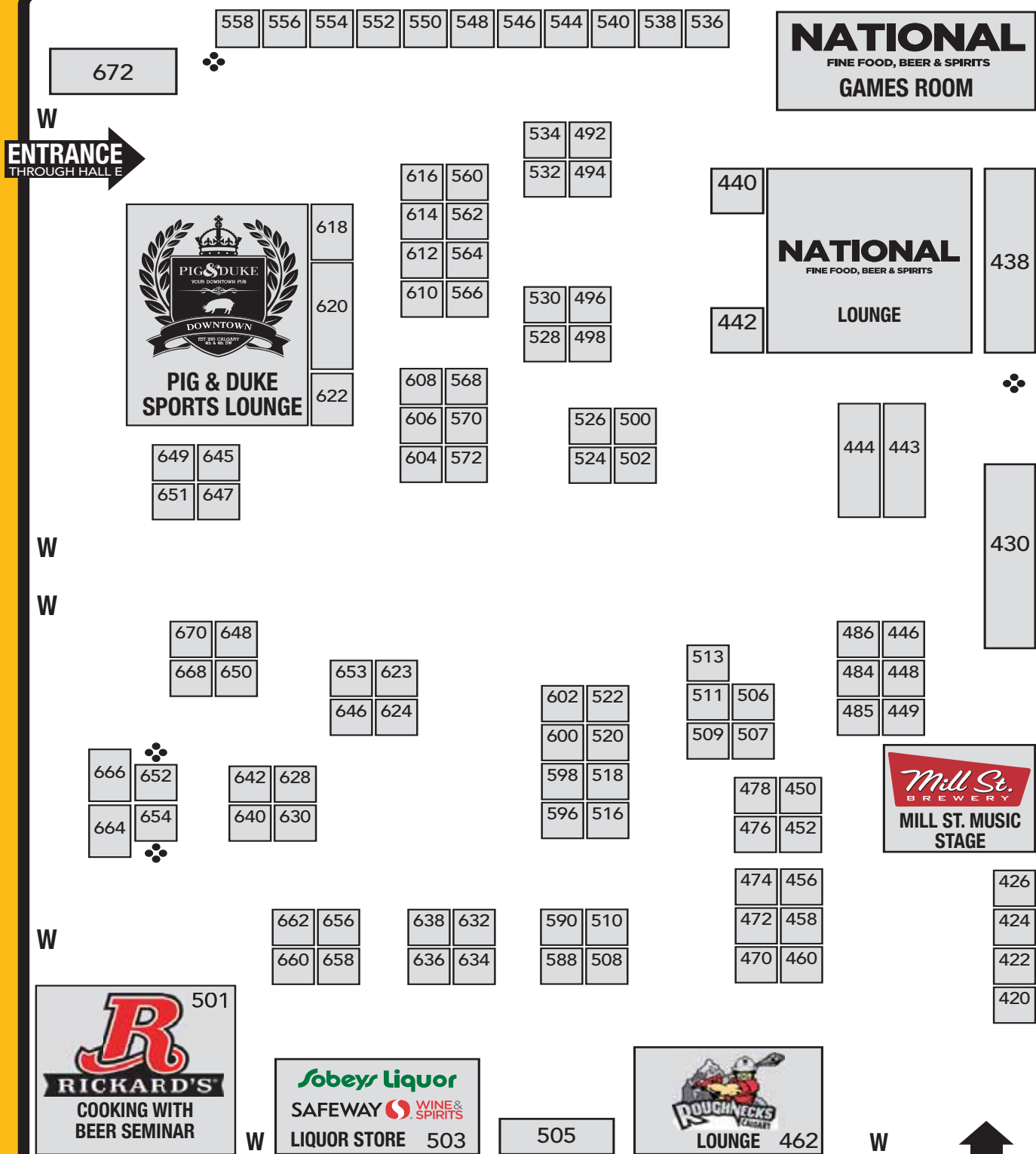


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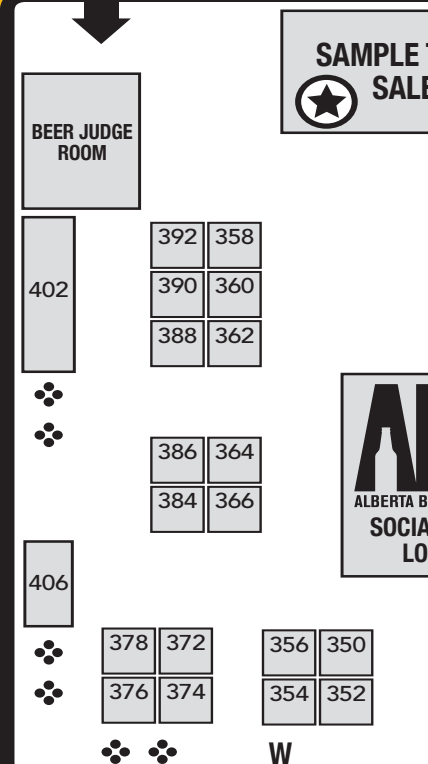
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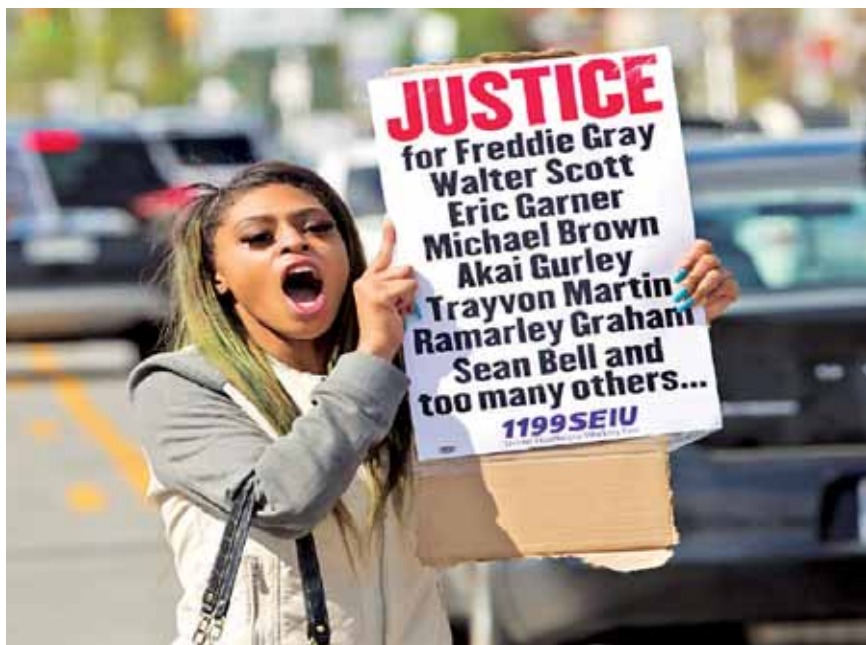
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BALTIMORE PROTESTS WAKE FOR FREDDIE GRAY AFTER NIGHT OF SCUFFLES

Caira Byrd holds support signs for Freddie Gray outside of Vaughn Greene Funeral Home, during his wake in Baltimore, Md., Sunday. Gray, 25, died from spinal injuries about a week after he was arrested and transported in a police van. Thousands of protesters took to the streets Saturday to demand answers after Deputy Commissioner Kevin Davis said Gray should have received medical attention at the spot where he was arrested, before he was put inside a police transport van handcuffed and without a seatbelt, a violation of the department's policy. JOSE LUIS MAGANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel launches attack on border with Syria

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Military says militants with bomb were approaching

Israel's military said Sunday it launched an air strike on its border with Syria after spotting militants carrying a bomb in the Israeli-held Golan Heights.

The military said it carried out the strike after troops saw "a group of armed terrorists" approach the border with an explosive intended to target Israeli troops. It said that Israeli aircraft "targeted the squad, preventing the attack."

It did not offer any casualty figure for the strike. Iran's state-run, English-language satellite news channel Press TV later reported four people had been killed in an Israeli air strike in the Golan Heights, without elaborating.

On Twitter, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent messages commending the soldiers involved in the strike.

"Any attempt to harm our soldiers and civilians will be met with a determined response like the military action tonight that thwarted a terror attack," Netanyahu said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility of the attack launched from inside Syria, which has been in the grips of a civil war since 2011. Syrian state media did not immediately report on the strike.

Israel has tried to stay out of the war in Syria, but it has spilled into the country before. In September, the Israeli military shot down a Syrian fighter jet in airspace over the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war and later annexed in a move that has never been internationally recognized. In August, Israel shot

down a drone that came into the same airspace from Syria.

Israeli troops also have responded to occasional mortar fire from Syria. Israel says some of the attacks may have been accidental spillover, while others have been intentionally aimed at Israeli civilians and soldiers. It has always held Syria responsible for any cross-border fire.

While relations are hostile, the ruling Assad family in Syria has kept the border area with Israel quiet for most of the past 40 years. Israel is concerned that the possible ouster of embattled President Bashar Assad's ouster could push the country into the hands of Islamic State extremists or al-Qaida linked militants, or plunge the region further into sectarian warfare.

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Security guards walk next to one of the Meroe pyramids, in al-Bagrawiya, 200 kilometres north of Khartoum, Sudan, earlier this month. MOSA'AB ELSHAMY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pyramids go unvisited

SUDAN

Tourism devastated by economic sanctions

The small, steep pyramids rising up from the desert hills of northern Sudan resemble those in neighbouring Egypt, but unlike the famed pyramids of Giza, the Sudanese site is largely deserted.

The pyramids at Meroe, some 200 kilometres north of Sudan's capital, Khartoum, are rarely visited despite being a UNESCO World Heritage site like those in Egypt. Sanctions against the government of longtime President Omar al-Bashir over Sudan's long-running internal conflicts limit its access to foreign aid and donations, while also hampering tourism.

The site, known as the Island of Meroe because an ancient, long-dried river ran around it, once served as the principle residence of the rulers of the Kush kingdom, known as the Black Pharaohs. Their pyramids,

ranging from 6 to 30 metres tall, were built between 720 and 300 B.C. The entrances usually face east to greet the rising sun.

The pyramids bear decorative elements inspired by Pharaonic Egypt, Greece and Rome, according to UNESCO, making them priceless relics. However, overeager archaeologists in the 19th century tore off the golden tips of some pyramids and reduced some to rubble, said Abdel-Rahman Omar, the head of the National Museum of Sudan in Khartoum.

On a recent day, a few tourists and white camels roamed the site, watched by a handful of security guards. Sudan's tourism industry has been devastated by economic sanctions imposed over the conflicts in Darfur and other regions. Al-Bashir's government, which came to power following a bloodless Islamist coup in 1989, has struggled to care for its antiquities.

Qatar has pledged \$135 million to renovate and support Sudan's antiquities in the last few years. But Omar said Sudan still receives just 15,000 tourists per year.

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UNITED KINGDOM

PM defends royal couple's right to choose private over public hospital for baby birth

With Britain's general election fast approaching, almost anything can become political — even Prince William and his wife Kate's choice of private medical care for the upcoming birth of their second child.

Prime Minister David Cameron on Sunday defended the royal couple's choice of private treatment over public care offered by the National Health Service.

Asked on TV if the royal couple's decision was disappointing, Cameron said he supports peoples' right to choose treatment options. He did praise the NHS, which is a source of national pride for many Britons.

"The NHS is superb and I've seen that in my own life in so many different ways," he said. "But I believe in choice. I believe in people being able to do what

they want to do." He said he is praying for a safe delivery of the royal baby.

The NHS, founded in 1948, has become a political issue during the hard fought campaign, with Cameron's opponents saying he wouldn't adequately fund it in the coming years if voters return him to 10 Downing Street on May 7.

Britain has a hybrid system: Those with the financial resour-

ces to pay for private medical care have the option of seeking treatment under the NHS, which is often free of charge, or through private doctors and clinics.

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Five people missing after boats capsize off Alabama

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One body was discovered Saturday and another

was found on Sunday morning, Major Steve Thompson, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety's Marine Patrol Division, said at a press conference in Dauphin Island.

Authorities said crews are using boats and planes to search the bay, including its centre and areas closer to Dauphin Island.

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Secret behind Chanel N°5 at risk

COMOROS

Slew of factors threatening production of fragrant flower

In a dense thicket in the middle of the impoverished Indian Ocean archipelago of the Comoros, Ibrahim Bacar is plucking tiny ylang ylang flowers.

The barely visible yellow blossoms with an intoxicating aroma contain the oil that provides the distinctive scent in Chanel N°5, one of the world's best-selling fragrances.

Ylang ylang is also a key ingredient of many other perfumes and Comoros is the world's top producer of the essential oil extracted from the flower — a commodity that makes up one-tenth of the archipelago's total export revenues. But decades of under-investment in aging plantations, an exodus of flower gatherers willing to do the painstaking work and deforestation are threatening production of the flower.

"Despite the economic im-

portance of the essential oil of ylang ylang, it is surprising that there is no improvement program for the plant," wrote Celine Benini, an agriculture specialist at Belgium's Liege University, in a study.

Each year, Comoros produces between 30 and 40 tonnes of the essential oil mainly on the island of Anjouan, home to 350 distilleries.

Economists believe that the Comoros could extract more from ylang ylang if the sector was given an overhaul. In 2013 and 2014, the country exported just \$1.6 million US worth of the essential oil a year.

"It is modest," said the economist Nour Allah Alnour Assik, adding that remittances sent by Comorans living abroad bring more in revenues.

Ibrahim Ahamada, an economist at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), said the flower remains "a potential source of income and significant currency for the country" provided there is "serious reorganization of the sector".

Bacar, who inherited his eight hectare plot from his father, wants to move up the value



Comoros is the world's top producer of the essential oil, extracted from the ylang ylang flower, that gives Chanel N°5 perfume its distinct fragrance. STAN HONDA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

chain by expanding his business from just planting ylang ylang trees to also distilling the essential oil. But with his limited takings, saving up to buy a distillery is taking time.

He sells one kilogram of the

six-petalled flowers that bloom all year for less than a dollar. "If you supply 200 kilos of flowers, it should equal the price of a cow — 1,500 euros (\$1,600 US), not just 200 euros (\$215 US)," said Bacar.

"I know they make a lot with the oils, but I don't have a choice. I take the little they give me," he said.

There are also few people willing to take on the backbreaking tasks of pruning the plants

and picking between 25 to 40 kilograms of flowers a day in high season. "When I explain the work to young people, they think I'm crazy because we work so hard to produce so little," said Bacar. AFP

+ YLANG YLANG

Flower of flowers

Ylang ylang originated in the Philippines and means "flower of flowers" in the local Tagalog language. The French introduced the tree on the island of Reunion in the 1700s and in the early 1900s its cultivation spread to the nearby islands of Comoros and Madagascar. In 1921 Coco Chanel wanted a flower that captured "the scent of a woman". The solution was the ylang ylang, which led to the creation of N°5. As the N°5 contains a significant amount of the ylang ylang oil, the company became one of the biggest customers for the precious produce.

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Space cowboys reach for stars

An isolated edge of vast West Texas is home to a highly secretive part of the 21st-century space race, one of two being directed in the Lone Star State by Internet billionaires whose personalities and corporate strategies seem worlds apart.

The presence of Blue Origin, LLC, the brainchild of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, barely registers in nearby Van Horn, a way station along Interstate 10, a full decade after he began buying land in one of Texas' largest and most remote counties.

Few visitors are allowed beyond the No Trespassing sign and a remote-controlled gate and into the desert and mountain environment reminiscent of the Air Force's renowned Area 51 in Nevada. The privileged who do get inside decline to describe what they've seen, typically citing confidentiality agreements.

"No one gets in other than employees," says Robert Morales, editor of the weekly Van Horn Advocate newspaper.

At the opposite end — of Texas and the competition — is the highly visible SpaceX venture, led by PayPal co-founder and electric carmaker Elon Musk. His company contracts with NASA to resupply the International Space Station and is building a launch site



Billionaire space entrepreneurs Jeff Bezos, left, and Elon Musk, have put their vast fortunes toward building a new era of commercial space operations. GETTY IMAGES

about 950 kilometres from Van Horn, on the southernmost Texas Gulf coast, with the much-publicized goal of sending humans to Mars.

SpaceX and Blue Origin are among several U.S. companies engaged in the private space business. Both men have seemingly unlimited resources — Bezos' wealth is estimated at nearly \$35 billion US, Musk's at \$12 billion US — and lofty aspirations: launching a new era of commercial space operations, in part by cutting costs through reusable rockets.

Over the last decade, Bezos, 51, has bought at least seven ranches, totalling 1,900 square miles, near the Texas-New Mexico border and Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

Earlier this month, Bezos announced his company's new hydrogen rocket engine, designed for suborbital missions, had completed hundreds of tests at the West Texas site, adding, "soon we'll put it to the ultimate test of flight." That could come late this year.

A more powerful engine for orbital flights, fuelled by liquid oxygen and liquid natural gas, is being developed with United Launch Alliance, a venture of aerospace veterans Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp.

SpaceX already has a rocket plant near Waco. With more than \$15 million in state incentives, it's also building a launch site at Boca Chica Beach, near Brownsville.

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Brutal honesty is the best policy if we want to nurture our artists

There's something awry in the way we treats artists in Canada.

It's not that we're too stingy with our love — it's that we're disingenuous.

Yes, we have some great critics (John Doyle for one), and it's culturally OK to hate Nickelback.

But most mainstream media coverage of writers, musicians, painters, sculptors or filmmakers tells me only two things: where that person was born, and why they and their work are wonderful.

It would be fine if that were always the truth. But it isn't. Art criticism, according to Toronto writer and curator Amy Fung, is mostly "adversarial fluff."

Calling that approach "a PR department's job," not journalism's, Michael Lista has joined with fellow journalist Jason Gurriel to launch Partisan, an online magazine of "trenchant" art and culture reviews intended as a tonic for the limp discussions we usually see in this country.

Gurriel, in a 2013 interview, told how a major national newspaper pulled a review of Margaret Atwood's poetry simply because it was tough. Poets (which both men are) in particular are treated like the "asthmatic kids on the playground," Lista told me.

Culture journalists don't lack opinions, he argued, they're just saying them in private. That saves them

from professional blowback and potential fallout with the subjects of their critiques, a concern when the arts scene in this country, to quote a friend, is a "sock drawer."

"It's so small, it gets so intermingled, that you don't want to burn any bridges," said the friend, a musician who has toured with some of Canada's trendiest bands.

There's also the "whole CRTC-sponsored Can-Con thing," Lista said, "where any Canadian culture needs to be nurtured like a delicate little flame."

That was certainly true of Jian Ghomeshi, celebrated for his gushing, groveling interviews which put every Q guest on a pedestal regardless of merit. Ironic, given that his most famous interview (with Billy Bob Thornton) featured a rare bit of controversy.

Canadian media tends to celebrate any whiff of Canadian success, equating it with talent.

I wondered whether Shad would break rank during his first week as host of Q. But I doubt it — it's his niceness that stood out.

That leaves the rest of us with middling, condescending public debate, and Canadian artists denied the benefits of sharp, smart criticism.

The best thing an artist can hear isn't pat compliments. It's honesty.

Let's hope Stampede follows Flames example

KLASZUS' CALGARY

Jeremy Klaszus



The Calgary Flames could have played dumb.

They could have downplayed reports of women being sexually harassed on 17 Avenue SW., saying it's the first they've heard of it.

They could have just said it's a police matter — that if anyone experiences any kind of harassment, they should call the cops.

They could have said the Flames organization has no control over what happens on the Red Mile, which would technically be true.

Tactics like these are common, used by all kinds of organizations facing the threat of bad PR. It's called "protecting the brand."

Instead, the Flames acknowledged a serious prob-

lem in our city and sent a clear message to creeps on the Red Mile: You are not welcome here.

Granted, local women and their allies made the issue pretty much impossible to ignore. With the hashtag #saferedmile trending on Twitter and a group called the Pussy Cats Consent Awareness Team gathering on 17 Avenue, the issue became the talk of the town.

Even so, the Flames had a choice: they could distance themselves from the matter as much as possible, or they could use their power and influence to unequivocally support the women behind these efforts.

They did the latter, speaking with one voice from the front office to the bench.

"Our view is that if you're a true Flames fan, you are not engaging in this kind of behaviour," CEO Ken King told the Calgary Herald. "We

want to make it clear: do not do this stuff, ever. And for goodness' sake, don't do it in our name because that's not our culture, that's not our organization ... Let's enjoy this ride with dignity and pride."

Brian Burke, the Flames' president of hockey operations, was similarly clear: "This is no way to treat women. I ask that everyone keeps their red on, and treat each other with respect."

Even coach Bob Hartley weighed in during a media scrum, shaking his head and saying such behaviour is "stupid" and has "no place" in Calgary. "We're better than this," he added.

One hopes leaders at the Calgary Stampede are taking notes. After all, this kind of boorishness — catcalls, vulgar comments, uninvited groping by strangers — did not disappear after the Flames' last playoff run in 2004.

Similar stories emerge every year during Stampede. And the Stampede organization has stuck with safe, well-worn lines about Calgary being a city of western hospitality.

That, frankly, is not good enough. When your organization creates a citywide party that sees thousands of drunken young men create an unsafe environment for women, silence is not a credible response. It doesn't matter if the loudness is officially sanctioned or not.

The Flames showed how to respond. Listen to women, affirm their stories, then do something about it. Speak up. Be part of the solution.

Regardless of what happens on the ice against Anaheim, that's a big win for Calgary.

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Bruce Jenner hailed for 'bravery'

ABC INTERVIEW

Reaction pours in as reality TV star comes out as transgender

U.S. Olympic champion turned reality TV star Bruce Jenner won praise over the weekend from celebrities and activists for revealing he is transitioning from male to female, ending long-running speculation he identifies as a woman.

In a highly anticipated, two-hour television interview aired Friday — hailed by transgender rights' campaigners and his own Kardashian-linked family — the 65-year-old said he had wrestled with his sexual identity since he was a kid.

"I've always been confused about my gender identity since I was this big," he told ABC's celebrity interviewer Diane Sawyer. "Here I am, stuck — and I hate the word — (a) girl stuck in a guy's body ... As of now I have all the male parts and all that kind of stuff."

But asked point blank if he was a woman, Jenner said: "Yes. For all intents and purposes, I'm a woman."

Speculation that the actor, race-car enthusiast and 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics decathlon gold medalist was undergoing a sex change has been rich fodder for supermarket tabloids for months.

Supposed telltale signs, based on paparazzi photos from the streets of Los Angeles, include



In a two-hour interview aired Friday, Bruce Jenner told ABC's Diane Sawyer that he is transitioning from male to female. HANDOUT

shaved limbs, long hair worn in a ponytail and what appears to be a sports bra under a T-shirt.

Jenner said he identifies himself as "her," but not by a specific name. The ABC interviewer used "he" and "him" throughout, without causing any apparent discomfort for the former Olympian.

He stressed the difference between gender identity and sexuality.

"I am not gay," Jenner said. "I am, as far as I know, heterosexual. I've always been with a woman, raising kids."

Just before making the long-expected announcement, Jenner symbolically let his hair down.

972,000

Nielsen Social estimated that there were 972,000 tweets sent on Friday night alone about the Jenner interview.

"Let's take the damn ponytail out," he told Sawyer, smiling.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights group GLAAD welcomed Jenner's announcement.

"Though Jenner's journey is one that is deeply personal, it is also one that will impact and

inspire countless people around the world," GLAAD head Sarah Kate Ellis said.

GLAAD also noted that media at this time should continue to refer to Jenner by his current name and with male pronouns to be respectful of his wishes, as he has not requested that a new name or pronoun be used.

Thrice-married Jenner became an American sports hero when he set a world record with his Montreal decathlon victory.

He again became a household name through his marriage to the former Kris Kardashian and the TV series Keeping Up with the Kardashians, in which he appeared as the sometimes

bemused stepfather of her daughters Kourtney, Kim and Khloé. The couple, who have two daughters of their own, obtained a divorce in December — although he has been seen still wearing a wedding ring.

National Center for Transgender Equality advocacy group executive director Mara Keisling called Jenner's declaration "one of the most profound displays of bravery and courage I've seen."

Jenner, clearly relieved to have finally come clean, said: "I'm saying goodbye to people's perceptions of me and who I am."

"I'm not saying goodbye to me because this has always been me." AFP

"Not only was I able to call him my husband for 25 years and father of my children, I am now able to call him my hero."



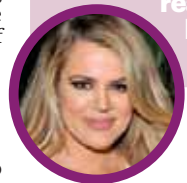
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TECH

New tool clears cringe-worthy posts from feed

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A new app called Clear can

help you with that.

Clear will analyze your social media profiles and give you a score on the potential liability of your social media presence. It also flags all of your potentially embarrassing tweets or Facebook posts — posts with curse words or sexually or racially charged words. Some flagged words include “black” or “gay.”

Founder Ethan Czahor has a very personal reason for creating the app; he lost his job as

Jeb Bush’s CTO because of offensive tweets.

Czahor wrote on the Clear website: “After graduating college, I moved to West Hollywood to study improv comedy at The Groundlings. I used my Twitter feed to test material, all of which was humorous and well-intended within the context of my community. Several years and career changes later, after having success in the startup world and battling Lyme disease, I landed

my dream job: CTO of Jeb Bush’s political operations.

“Unfortunately, my Twitter feed was unearthed, spun completely out of context to make me appear as someone I am certainly not, and I lost my job. I created Clear to make sure situations like mine never happen to anyone ever again.”

There are currently more than 1,000 people on the wait list for the app.

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STRATEGY

Avoid confab fatigue with these meeting tips

OFFICE RELATIONS
Eleni Deacon


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Sound familiar?

While group communication is an essential component of effective business, many employees complain that their most lethal productivity killer isn’t social media or noisy colleagues — it’s meetings.

Or rather, meeting after meeting after meeting.

There’s a simple way managers can take the weight off meeting overload: Schedule fewer of them.

Meetings should be a time to share updates, get on the same page, and develop actionable strategies.

They should not be a time for long-winded speeches or circular bickering.

Before scheduling a meeting, ask: Why are we doing this and does it require group attendance?

If the answer is vague, hit X on your invite. In many cases, it can be more efficient to contact one person for a direct project update than mobilize an entire team for a not-entirely-necessary gathering.

Another approach is to trade all-staff affairs for speedy, targeted powwows.

While certain types of meetings — strategic planning,

client consultations — may require a more substantive time commitment, just-another-day status reports should not dismantle your afternoon.

Try cutting the time you book for meetings in half — you may find you get the same amount done.

Stand-up meetings are also a fail-proof — if intentionally uncomfortable — way to keep meetings from falling flat.

The concept is self-explanatory: These chats are chair-free.

Instead, team members must deliver their debriefs while standing on two feet. Not only does this make it difficult to tune out — it also means everyone wants to finish the process as quickly as possible.

Regardless of the length or frequency of your meet-ups, they should be deliberately planned and efficiently run.

Set an agenda, and delegate one individual to moderate the action. A lot of the frustration surrounding meetings comes not only from the fact of having to be there, but also from the digressive and disorganized way that they’re managed.

Commit to a time frame and keep the discussion on point — this will keep attendees from getting annoyed.

While meetings are obligatory, time-wasting meetings are not.

To curb confab fatigue, set meetings that have clear objectives and on-task leadership. And under no circumstances book a meeting to figure out a time to have another meeting about how to have better meetings.

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How to be happy at a job you hate

WORK

How to make the most of your workplace

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Most people don't work at their dream job, but that doesn't mean you have to spend your eight-hour shift miserable. If anyone knows a thing or two about making work fun, it's Laszlo Bock, the head of People Operations at Google. Here are a few of his tips:

Assume the best in people

If you think your boss is a jerk or one of your coworkers has a bad attitude, Bock says it helps to remember that everyone has stuff going on in their personal lives and he or she could be projecting that at work.

"If someone comes into a meeting looking angry and drops their bag, we tend to think 'Well, that person is a real jerk.' We don't assume maybe their dog



Laszlo Bock is the author of Work Rules! and the head of People Operations at Google. ERIC LAURITA/CONTRIBUTED

is sick or he or she has all these stressful things going on," Bock says. It's certainly better than the alternative, assuming everyone is a terrible human being.

Focus on what you do like

Bock suggests "job crafting" — making a list of everything you

do at work and shifting your time to focus on the things you most enjoy. "Even if (realistically) you aren't able to change your job, the simple act of making that list makes you more aware of the things you enjoy and that will make you happier and more productive," he says.

Express gratitude

It turns out that acting happy at work even when you aren't, and being nice to your coworkers even if they secretly annoy you, can make you actually feel happier. Bock says even devoting just a few minutes a day outwardly expressing gratitude

+ HOW TO GET A JOB AT GOOGLE

Spell-check

"It sounds basic, but make sure you don't have any mistakes on your resumé. It's too easy of a way for a recruiter to reject you."

Be specific

"Describe what you accomplished, why and how it was measured. Instead of just saying you were employee of the month, say 'I was awarded employee of the month as a result of high customer satisfaction'



or 'I ranked 10th out of 50 top associates in the first six months of the year.'"

Play up your experience

"Several years ago, (recruiters) focused on where you went to school and your grades, but we stopped caring about that stuff because none of that has actually proven how you're going to perform." Instead, use your resumé to show what you've done related to the job you're applying for.

will really lift your mood.

"It can be as simple as writing thank you emails or sitting and reflecting on things you enjoy and things you feel happy about," he says.

Realize no one loves their job all the time

Bock says even he has days when his job is not fun. "There's no job that will make you deliriously happy all the time. That's why people get paid to work," he says. "Especially when you are early in your career, it's important to remember that. And it gets better."

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Still keeping up with the Joneses?

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Stop looking at what others have and focus on yourself

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Do you find yourself thinking about what your sister has that you don't? Or what kind of car your best friend drives that you can't afford? Or how "unfair" it is that your neighbours can travel every year when you haven't been able to scrounge up the money for the trip you've been promising yourself?

Remember the saying, "Keeping up with the Joneses"? It was used to denote our desire to keep pace with the spending of our neighbours. It was beautifully captured in a cartoon I once saw. A husband and wife are gardening together. The wife looks up to see a neighbour pulling into her driveway and says to her husband, "Damn, Shelly and Mike got a new car. And we were almost debt free!"

A lot of people create this problem for themselves. They imagine that others' lives are so much better and then they look for evidence to support their supposition. Ten years ago, before the avalanche of reality TV hit the airwaves, the Joneses were the people next door.

Now people are feeling the

push to keep up with the likes of movie stars and TV personalities who make gobs of money airing their lives to the nation and shopping as a hobby.

People who watch a lot of TV, read flashy magazines and walk the malls feel like they're always missing something because they have come to believe that "everyone else has one so I want one, too."

But if everyone else is going into debt to have the lifestyle you crave, then what you're craving isn't real; it's smoke and mirrors. Playing the keeping-up-with-the-Joneses game is stupid at the best of times, but it's suicidal if you're doing it on credit.

Just look at the size of the houses we're living in now compared to those in which our parents were raised. Back then people were having more kids but living in houses far smaller than we're willing to settle for today. And only the rich and famous could afford granite counters and marble floors. Now we want a room for every child, plus a living room, family room, media room, and kids' playroom. And if we have to share a television, we're hard-done-by. And as our expectations have gone up, our ability to pay has been seriously challenged.

While we like to castigate the younger generation "giving into peer pressure," it's not just a problem of youth and immaturity. Age has little to do with it. Do you worry about being judged by others? Do you spend more time on impressing others than on managing your money?

The big joke, of course, is that while you're busy envying Jane, Jane's probably envying Michael,

who in turn is envying you. Yup, it's human nature to think that what other people have is better. That's "the grass is greener" syndrome. But if you can change what you're thinking about — stop focusing on the other and focus instead on yourself — you can change the feelings.

Hardly anyone can afford to do all the things they want to do if they're choosing to live within their means and stick to their priorities. Because I worked in a fickle industry, I prioritized savings. That meant making choices about what I'd spend my disposable income on. And a good thing, too, since my TV career came to an abrupt halt when production executives started asking me to do things that were against my values.

When you see people who seem to satisfy their every whim, don't even attempt to keep up. If you're wondering how they paid for it all, they very well may not have. Instead they've made their purchases on credit cards where only the minimum payment is made, they've financed with lines of credit, and they've consolidated their consumer debt to a mortgage yet one more time. It's easy to spot the stuff people buy; the debt they're dragging along usually can't be seen. It's their dirty little secret.

The next time envy niggles at you and the thought, "I wish I could, too," goes through your head, think about what else you don't have, along with the new and shiny: the debt. If you're smart enough to know what's really important, if you are clear about your values and make your purchases based on what's important to you, you've got no dirty little secrets to hide. You're living in the light. And it feels good, doesn't it?

"The big joke, of course, is that while you're busy envying Jane, Jane's probably envying Michael, who in turn is envying you."



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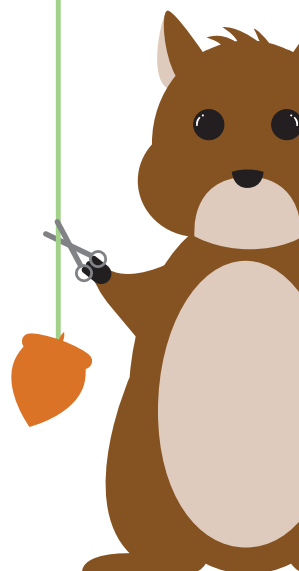
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Good things come from bad bosses

WORK EXPERIENCE

You can learn a lot from dealing with a difficult boss

Meghan Poole

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While it's certainly less than desirable, almost everyone has to endure a bad boss at some point in their career. And we all know that managing to maintain a working relationship with a difficult superior can be stressful and draining, to say the least.

But there could be a silver lining, according to author Merritt Watts. She believes that younger workers can benefit from the impact of a bad boss or two.

Watts' latest book, *First Jobs: True Tales of Bad Bosses, Quirky Coworkers, Big Breaks,*

and *Small Paychecks*, compiles 50 stories (good and bad) about the various first jobs a wide variety of people have had over the years.

We caught up with Watts to ask her why it is important to stick it out and work with bad bosses at a first job.

You'll learn valuable lessons

"Having a bad boss at your first job is not going to derail your entire career," Watts points out.

"It's teaching you one of the most important things in the workforce, which is how to deal with people. When you have a bad boss, you're forced to make it work, so I would arguably say that this is one of the most important skills you can learn," she says.

It will help you grow

"As teenagers, your brain goes through this huge neurological development, and you're forming new connections, so you're learning frontal lobe skills, such as calming

yourself down when you're really mad or how to have a confrontational conversation with someone without blowing up," Watts explains.

"So if you're in this position for emotional growth, but you're not putting yourself in situations where you're forced to deal with it, then you're not going to acquire that skill, and that's going to haunt you forever," she adds.

It's a trial by fire

"Almost everyone has been there, and you have to realize that this is your first relationship with someone who is not your parent and not your teacher, and they just want the job done," she says.

"Think of it as a rite of passage and a way to bond with your co-workers."



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It's teaching you one of the most important things in the workforce, which is how to deal with people.

Merritt Watts, author

IN BRIEF

Furious 7 leads box office for fourth straight week

Furious 7 had enough left in the tank to top *The Age of Adaline* and lead the box office for a fourth straight week. The Universal action film made an estimated \$18.3 million in North American theatres over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The film has had little competition to challenge its juggernaut status throughout April. The Blake Lively fantasy romance *The Age of Adaline* was the only new wide release of the weekend, and it came in third with \$13.4 million. The Sony comedy *Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2* held up stronger than expected to earn \$15.5 million in its second week of release.

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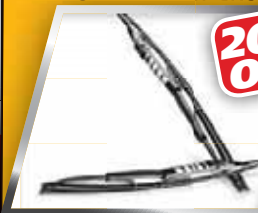
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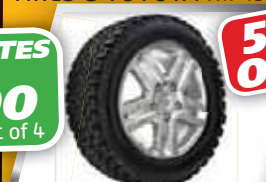
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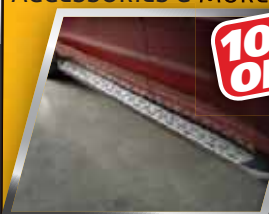
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FAMILY HISTORY

Affleck not alone in unsavoury ancestry

Ben Affleck recently admitted he was embarrassed by his ancestral ties to a slave owner, but the Oscar winner is hardly alone when it comes to having a controversial family history.

Unearthing sordid details about relatives is not uncommon, according to genealogists.

"You might find somebody with a criminal record and things like that, but it's personal because it's family — it's your family," said professional genealogist Ruth Blair of Blair Archival Research based in Oakville, Ont.

"There's just great sensitivity to some of these topics."

Affleck expressed regret in a Facebook post for seeking to have the information about his ancestor omitted from the episode of *Finding Your Roots* which featured the actor and aired last October.

Barry Sheldon, vice-president and lead researcher of Genealogists.com, said no one should look poorly upon Affleck because of his ancestral ties, adding that individuals "can't be held guilty by association."

"We all have something," Sheldon said from Berrien Springs, Mich.

"Slavery was a way of life and it was an unfortunate way of life, at least here in the United States."

In researching his own collateral line, Ontario Genealogical Society president Alan Campbell discovered a man who had enlisted to serve in the First World War but was dishonourably discharged because of frequent drunkenness.

Meanwhile, two of the discharged serviceman's grandchildren went on to serve proudly in the military. "For them, that was a major impact, a disappointment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Stephen Hawking. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Hologram Hawking's One Direction theory

DON'T WORRY, TEEN GIRLS

In another universe, Zayne could still be in 1D: Hawking



Ned Ehrbar

If you had the chance to ask Stephen Hawking just one question, obviously it would be about One Direction, right? The famed physicist was appearing — via 3D hologram, because he's awesome

— at the Sydney Opera House to take a few questions recently, and one of those was, "What do you think is the cosmological effect of Zayn Malik leaving One Direction and consequently breaking the hearts of millions of teenage girls across the world?"

Now, before you go and get embarrassed on humanity's behalf, just know that Hawking was delighted. "Finally, a question about something important," he responded. "My advice to any heartbroken young girl is to pay close attention to the study of theoretical physics. Because one day there may well be proof of multiple universes. It would not be beyond

the realms of possibility that somewhere outside of our own universe lies another, different universe. And in that universe, Zayn is still in One Direction."

Um, guys? I think we just found a way to get kids interested in science again.

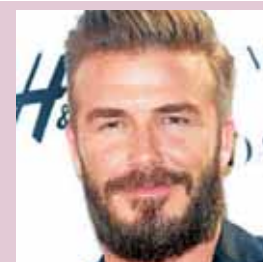


GOSSIP NOTES

You didn't get your invite to David Beckham's birthday yet?

David Beckham is turning 40 — yes, 40 — this coming Saturday, and to celebrate the milestone, he's reportedly planning a massive, lavish, weekend-long bash at his favourite five-star Moroccan resort, according to the Sun. Oh, and he's flying a bunch of famous friends in for the occasion, though they haven't been given the exact location yet. On the private jet flight plan for the event? Tom Cruise, Guy Ritchie and Gordon Ramsay plus Liv Tyler and boyfriend Dave Gardner. "He'll only turn 40 once, so he wants to do it in style. Morocco is a place close to his heart," a source says. There's still a few days to go, though, in case — like me — you're wondering why your invitation hasn't turned up yet. A simple oversight, I'm sure.

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David Beckham

"Please don't describe my areolas, either." Hey, duty calls.

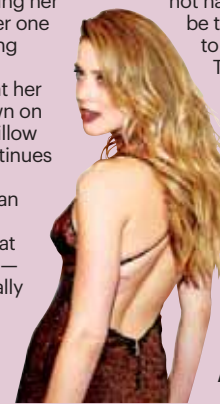
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Amber Heard tired of over-sexualized roles

Yes, we get it, Amber Heard is very attractive. But she's got more than that to offer, OK? Heard hit the Tribeca Film Festival to celebrate the premiere of *When I Live My Life Over Again*, which features her in a role that's not over-sexualized. "I've been in this business for 12 years or something, and it's incredibly frustrating to be able to just now be trusted or given roles like this because this industry's very hard on women, because you're constantly asked to choose between one of two archetypes: sexy or not," she tells *Indiewire*. "It's incredibly frustrating that a system is in place where you have to choose one or the other. I should

not have to choose to be taken seriously or to be beautiful. ... The really f—ed up thing is that nobody has any incentive in this industry to invest in something other than what can be seen in you or what's the easiest thing to do." NED EHRBAR

Amber Heard



THE DAILY SHOW

There will be tears, says Bee

Samantha Bee says she's stocked up on waterproof mascara and waterproof eyeliner in preparation for her final episode of *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart.

After 12 years with the satirical nightly news show, the Toronto-born comic makes her final appearance as Most Senior Correspondent on Thursday.

"I have been really emotional since the news broke and all that stuff. So I'm going to be crying for sure," Bee says of how she'll handle her last taping.

"I went to the drugstore today and I literally bought waterproof mascara and waterproof eye-



Samantha Bee.

liner. Just to get through the next week."

Reached by phone recently in New York, Bee noted she had cried earlier that day when she taped her final podcast for the show. Besides tears, Bee says Thursday's *Daily Show* episode will feature a "best-of" retrospective of her most memorable moments. She's just the latest in a string of personalities exiting the CTV/Comedy Network show: her husband and fellow correspondent Jason Jones left on March 26, and host Jon Stewart is set to make his last appearance as host on Aug. 6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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REASONS WHY THE FLAMES ARE IN THE SECOND ROUND

The Calgary Flames advanced to the second round of NHL playoffs for the first time since 2004 and will face the Anaheim Ducks. Not considered a playoff contender at the beginning of the season, here are five reasons the Flames beat the Vancouver Canucks four games to two in the first round.

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1 A light team plays a heavy game

The series against Vancouver turned nasty in the second and third games. The Flames, the playoff team with the lightest average weight, took care of themselves and each other. Calgary had the third-least penalty minutes during the regular season. As of Sunday, they had the most in the first round with 152.



5 Bob Hartley

Calgary's coach continues to foster his players' belief in themselves and each other with a light, but decisive touch. Pulling starter Jonas Hiller with less than eight minutes played in Game 6 wasn't an "uh-oh" moment. Hartley followed the philosophy during the season of "he who wins the last game, starts the next." The Flames play as confidently in front of Karri Ramo as they do Hiller, in contrast to the Mikka Kiprusoff days when the Flames were tentative in front of a seldom-used back-up. Hartley preaches "no fear" to his troops and he practised it with his bold goalie move. "I said 'there's no way that I'm going back to Vancouver,'" the coach said. "My job was to go down striking and not get caught looking."



2 T.J. Brodie

"Supersonic," according to coach Bob Hartley, the tireless defenceman was Calgary's bedrock on offence and defence. His speed with and without the puck opened up scoring chances and his poise in Calgary's end was a heart-rate relaxant. He averaged 27 minutes a game and was plus-three.



3 Sam Bennett and Michael Ferland

Calgary got new forwards for the post-season without trading for them. Stepping in for injured Lance Bouma, Ferland was a punishing deterrent against Vancouver. In addition to 40 hits in six games, Ferland scored late in the first period Saturday to spark Calgary's comeback. With just one regular-season game under his belt, 18-year-old Bennett scored the game-winner in Game 3 and brings a combination of speed, skill and scrappiness to the post-season lineup.

4 Top line of Hudler, Gaudreau and Monahan

Somewhat quiet with three power-play goals between them over the first five games of the series, centre Sean Monahan and wingers Jiri Hudler and Johnny Gaudreau brought it when it really mattered. They produced four goals in Game 6 including two equalizers. Calgary had zero second-period goals in the series until Monahan and Gaudreau collected their first at even-strength Saturday.



Anaheim anathema to success

NHL PLAYOFFS

Flames staring down 20-game losing streak in Orange County

For the Calgary Flames to extend their Cinderella run in the NHL playoffs, they'll need to conquer a hostile Honda Centre.

The Flames open their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series on the road this week against the Anaheim Ducks. The NHL has yet to announce the schedule as other first-round series are still in progress.

Calgary hasn't won a regular-season game in Anaheim since Jan. 19, 2004, for a 20-game losing streak.

The Flames did earn a single playoff win there April 25, 2006, in the one previous playoff round between the two clubs. The Ducks won the other two at home and Game 7 in Calgary to advance to the second round that year.

The Flames face a Ducks team as resilient as they are, and better rested. Both clubs earned 24 points in the regular season when trailing after two periods which was second only to Detroit's 25.

Calgary twice came from behind to beat the Vancouver Canucks 7-4 in Saturday's Game 6 and get beyond the first round for the first time since 2004.

In their four-game sweep of the Winnipeg Jets in the first



Goalie Jonas Hiller returns to his former home in Anaheim with the Flames on a 20-game regular-season losing streak at Honda Centre. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

round, the Ducks became the first team in playoff history to win three games when trailing after two periods.

"They beat out a very good team in Winnipeg," Flames assistant captain Kris Russell said. "They swept them so we've got to make sure we're ready."

Anaheim will have had about a week between their first and second series to top up their tanks. Calgary is riding their top three defencemen — T.J.



I didn't pull him because I felt it was his fault. I just felt it wasn't a good start for us. There was water in the fuel.

Bob Hartley on pulling Jonas Hiller after Saturday's starter gave up two early goals.

Brodie, Russell and Dennis Wideman — hard.

"We've just got to get a couple days in here of rest," Flames forward Michael Ferland said. "Anaheim is a big, tough physical team and we've got to be ready to hit them back."

Anaheim (51-24-7) topped the Western Conference with 109 points. Calgary (45-30-7) was eighth with 97 points.

Anaheim posted a 3-2 record in the regular season against

Calgary, but the Flames doubled them 6-3 in their most recent meeting March 11 at home.

Calgary matched a franchise record for road wins with 22 this season, but Anaheim's away record of 25-12-4 topped the Western Conference.

The prominent storyline of this series is Calgary goaltender Jonas Hiller being Anaheim's former No. 1. Hiller was demoted from starter just over a year ago in Anaheim and appeared in six of their 13 playoff games in 2014.

The Ducks didn't offer the 33-year-old a contract extension and went with Frederik Andersen and John Gibson. Hiller signed with Calgary as a free agent last July.

The Swiss goaltender was solid to conclude the regular season and in the first five games of the Vancouver series. But he was pulled for Karri Ramo after giving up two goals on the first three shots he faced Saturday.

Hartley followed a philosophy of "he who wins the last game, starts the next" during the regular season, so it remains to be seen whether Hiller or Ramo gets the nod for Game 1 versus Anaheim.

"I apologized to Jonas Hiller in front of the entire team," Hartley said following Saturday night's win. "Sometimes just changing the goalie changes the pace of the game. It kind of creates a reaction (among) the players. Our players answered back."

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AROUND NHL

Canadiens 2, Senators 0

Brendan Gallagher scored in the first period and Carey Price made 43 saves as Montreal defeated Ottawa to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs on Sunday night.

Montreal won the series 4-2, but lost two in a row after taking a 3-0 lead.

"We knew it wouldn't be easy right from the start," said Canadiens defence-man P.K. Subban. "I liked the way we won. We had to work for it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wild 4, Blues 1

Zach Parise scored twice, including a short-handed, highlight-reel goal to get Minnesota going in the first period, and the Wild advanced to the Western Conference semifinals with a 4-1 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Sunday in Game 6.

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The Wild celebrate Zach Parise's short-handed goal against the Blues on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Archer dominant against Blue Jays



The Rays' Chris Archer pitched seven scoreless innings Sunday.

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The Toronto Blue Jays' futility at Tropicana Field has extended into a fourth season.

Chris Archer pitched two-hit ball in seven scoreless innings and Brandon Guyer drove in four runs Sunday as the Tampa Bay Rays completed a three-game sweep, 5-1 over the Blue Jays.

Toronto scored six runs in the series and are 11-21 in road games against Tampa Bay since 2012.

"This has always been a tough place for us," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "You move on."

Mark Buehrle (3-1), who had been supported by 12 or more runs in each of his three preceding starts, gave up five runs and 13 hits in 5-2/3 innings.

The Blue Jays were coming off a three-game sweep of Baltimore.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Raptors' demolition complete in D.C.

Kyle Lowry and the Toronto Raptors were swept from the post-season after a 125-94 loss in Game 4 Sunday against the Washington Wizards.

Lowry's frustration from throughout the series boiled over in the first quarter.

He protested an early foul on Paul Pierce by firing the basketball to a referee as he walked off the court after a time out. Lowry earned a technical foul and moments later was on the bench with a third personal foul just six minutes 54 seconds into the game.

The meltdown encapsulated the series for Lowry and Toronto, who dropped the first-round series 4-0.

Thus ended a miserable week for Lowry, who battled back spasms, an illness and a leg injury. His shot was off. Foul trouble was a constant problem.

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Kyle Lowry reacts to a foul call against the Wizards on Sunday night in Washington.

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- 1 Tbsp barbeque sauce
- 1 small egg
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- 1 – 12" whole wheat thin pizza crust
- ½ cup tomato sauce
- 3 oz grated mozzarella cheese
- 2 Tbsp chopped basil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Spray

a baking sheet or pizza pan with vegetable oil.

2. In a bowl, combine ground beef, bread crumbs, onions, barbeque sauce, egg and garlic. Form into mini meatballs (around 20).

3. Spread tomato sauce over pizza bread, scatter meatballs on top and add grated cheese. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes or until bread browns and turns crisp.

4. Garnish with basil.

Nutrition information per serving

- Calories 178
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- Fat 6.5 g
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- Sodium 413 mg

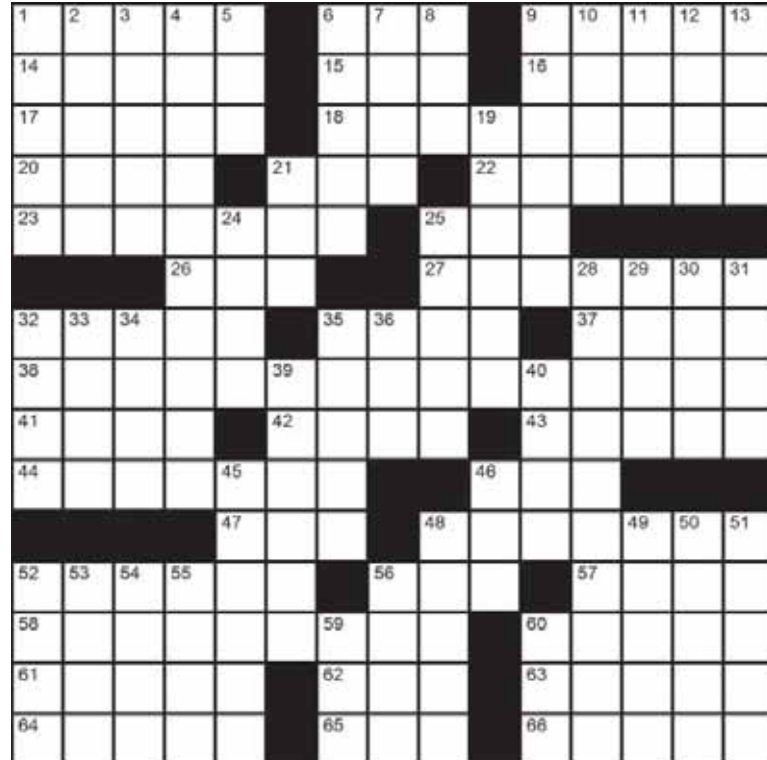
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "___, I saw. I conquered."
6. Tangle
9. Mary J. Blige's "No More ___"
14. Couches
15. Ms. Lupino
16. Reddish-rose dye
17. Accumulate
18. Philippe __, Premier of Quebec
20. "What ___ mind reader?"
21. Married title
22. Guns __ (American rockers)
23. Mount Sir Wilfrid Laurier is this BC range's highest peak, __ Mountains
25. Rusted
26. "Moist" suffix
27. Journeys
32. Spanish wine region
35. Cat's sound
37. "The Producers" (2005) character
38. CN Tower, for example: 2 wds.
41. Gary __, Canada's Ambassador to the United States
42. Eng. is part of it: 2 wds.
43. Numbered albums songstress
44. FOX News' "The __ Factor"
46. Road type, e.g.
47. Be ill
48. Particular pickle
52. Loses one's composure in an emergency



56. Fashion designer Anna
57. Excavation for extracting
58. Pasta order
60. Countries
61. From head
62. Mr. Linden
63. Accountant's review

64. Novelist's creation
65. Conclusion
66. Hillsides

DOWN

1. Abraham's offering to God
2. ,
3. Get __ shake
4. General Manager

- of the Toronto Raptors: 2 wds.
5. Cousin of -ette
6. Very tiny
7. Brouhahas
8. Greek alphabet's 19th letter
9. Singer Lana: 2 wds.
10. Chocolate-coated caramel candy

11. Botanist Mr. Gray's
12. Muck
13. Connectors of words
19. Not on the road, as a sports team: 2 wds.
21. Canadian musician Mr. Berg
24. Kellogg's All-

25. Intro-to-French verb
28. Montreal-born musician Melissa: 3 wds.
29. Much meriment
30. Airline of Israel: 2 wds.
31. Fully satisfy
32. Fix over again
33. "This is some priority; __, __ we are spoilt." - Shakespeare
34. Decorative curved arch
35. Ms. Streep
36. Literary monogram
39. Church: French
40. Donated
45. Singer/host Nick
46. Sushi tuna
48. Association for crafts/trades people
49. In a way, slang-style
50. Sort of film or band
51. Aeries
52. Calif. clock settings
53. __ of boiling potatoes (Stove sight)
54. Intl. alliance created in 1949
55. Prince __ (Alexander Borodin opera)
56. Comic books legend Mr. Lee
59. Definite article
60. Petri dish locale

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

If something goes wrong over the next 24 hours there are two approaches you can take: either you can look round for someone to blame or you can take responsibility yourself. Make it the latter.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

There will be a clash of egos as the new week begins and although you won't be directly involved you will be affected. Under no circumstances agree to take sides, because even if you choose right you will lose out in some way.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

You will clash with someone whose opinions you don't much like today, but if you stay calm and think logically you may discover that what they are saying has an element of truth in it.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

You will find yourself up against someone who is every bit as immovable as you, so the best you can hope for is a stalemate. Don't waste your time and energy on battles like this that cannot be won.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

Be careful what you say as the new week gets underway because the planets warn you could say far too much. You may have been able to laugh off your big mouth in the past but now others won't be quite so forgiving.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your sixth sense is telling you that something is wrong with your life and needs to be fixed. There will be a lot of upheavals over the next few days - use them to disguise your own mini revolution.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you hesitate for even a moment today you could miss out on an opportunity that may not come again for a very long time. Make sure you stay alert over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You won't hesitate to speak your mind today but be careful because certain people have got it into their head that you could do with being taken down a peg or two. Be confident but be tactful too.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

According to the planets you have been focusing on trivia and missing the big stuff. You will mentally kick yourself later if you look back and see what you might have achieved.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If you take a risk of some kind over money today it may pay off, but even if it does you must not cast aside your usual cautious Capricorn nature. You of all people should know that it's not about risk, it's about hard work.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

If someone promises you the world and fails to deliver today you will no doubt be angry, but you should be at least as angry with yourself as you are with them. You knew they were aiming too high and you should have told them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Try not to let your imagination get the better of you today, because once it heads off in a crazy direction it may be hard to bring it back to reality.

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